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**REQUEST FOR REFUND**

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Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby assert that the above-identified patent application is entitled to small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27(a)(3)(ii)(A). Applicants therefore request a partial refund of fees which were paid for this application on October 17, 2011.

The present application is assigned to Z.A.T. ZINC Anticorrosion Technologies SA as shown on the Patent Assignment Abstract of Title, a copy of which is enclosed herewith as **Attachement A**. Z.A.T. ZINC Anticorrosion Technologies SA is a small entity. On September 19, 2011, Applicants filed amendments in response to a Non-Final Office Action dated March 17, 2010. The Office was thereby authorized to charge any unpaid additional fees to the undersigned's deposit account No. 50-5256. Therefore, on October 17, 2011, the Office charged deposit account No. 50-5256 \$ 660.00 for three independent claims and \$ 52.00 for one claim in excess of twenty, a total amount of \$ 712.00, as is consistent for a large entity.

Applicant encloses a copy of the Deposit Account Statement for October 2011 for deposit account No. 50-5256 as Attachment B which shows payment of the aforementioned large entity fees in the total amount of \$ 712.00 on October 17, 2011.

As stated above, Z.A.T. ZINC Anticorrosion Technologies SA is a small entity. As a small entity, the Applicants owed \$ 330.00 for three independent claims in excess of three, and \$ 26.00 for one claim in excess of twenty. The total fees thus owed for said amendments were \$ 356.00. Applicants therefore overpaid fees in the amount of \$ 356.00.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.26(a), Applicants respectfully request a refund of \$ 356.00 by credit to deposit account No. 50-5256.

Dated: December 1, 2011

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